[*Note.*—An asterisk (*) at the commencement of a speech indicates revision by the Member.]

## II.—ADJOURNMENT MOTION *re* PRECARIOUS AND CRITICAL SUPPLY POSITION OF ELECTRIC POWER AND CONSEQUENT IMPOSITION OF HEAVY CUT IN SUPPLY.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : I have received notice of a motion under rule 44 (1) of the Council Rules given by Sri M. Subbiah Chettiar for the adjournment of the business of the House to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance which reads as follows :—

" I hereby give notice of a motion for adjournment of the business of the Council to discuss a definite matter of urgent public importance, namely, the precarious and critical supply position of electric power in the State and the consequent imposition of heavy cut even in respect of essential services and the imperative and immediate necessity to take remedial measures to retrieve the position with a view to avoid heavy shortfall in the production and also retrenchment and lay-off of workers and the scarcity of essential food articles. The present precarious position of supply of electric power highlights the pitfall of the main dependence on hydro-electric schemes. It is therefore necessary to take immediate steps for the generation of electric power through thermal stations by the use of steam and diesel and also by the establishment of an atomic power station. It is also necessary to encourage private enterprises in the matter of installation of generators in order to augment the supply."

The matter raised in the motion and proposed to be discussed is, no doubt, a definite matter and a matter of great public importance and urgency. But it is common knowledge that the present precarious supply position of electric power is due to absence of timely rainfall in the catchment areas of the Hydro-Electric Projects in the State.

That being so, I suggest to the hon. Member that he may raise these points in the course of the discussion on the Budget and the Hon. Minister may refer to it in his reply or the Member can give a call attention notice under rule 42 and the Minister may make a statement.

SRI M. SUBBIAH CHETTIAR : I am not pressing the adjournment motion, Sir. I shall give a separate call attention notice.

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN : The motion is treated as withdrawn.

## III—GENERAL DISCUSSION ON THE BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1962-63—*cont.*

* SRI M. RAJAH IYER : Mr. Deputy Chairman, in my remarks I wish to confine myself mostly to education, not because I am intimately connected with it but because that happens to be the single item over which this Government are spending Rs. 25·7 3-20 p.m